

HONORING CORPORAL TONY BARR,
USMC, ON HIS SAFE RETURN
HOME FROM IRAQ

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, it is with great pride and patriotism that I rise to welcome home one of our nation's great heroes, Corporal Tony Barr.

Corporal Barr served in the First Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, Fifth Marines, Weapons Company, CART Platoon. Cpl. Barr was originally scheduled to be discharged from the Marine Corps on February 28, 2003, but was given orders for Iraq the week before his discharge. Cpl. Barr could have chosen to avoid going to Iraq because he is the only male Barr currently living, but he instead, chose to stay with his fellow Marines and was deployed to Iraq.

Cpl. Barr's division suffered the first casualty of the war as they traveled from Kuwait to Baghdad. After Baghdad, Cpl. Barr's Division traveled to Tikrit which I am told is the furthest any Marine Division has ever traveled into the interior of an enemy country. Once his Division left Tikrit, they traveled south to Diwaniyah, a Baath Party stronghold, to set up a compound to train local Iraqis to become police. Most of Cpl. Barr's unit still remains in Diwaniyah today.

While we celebrate the safe return of Corporal Tony Barr to his home in Allen Park, Michigan, we continue to pray for the safety of all of our sons and daughters who are still proudly serving the United States in the newly liberated Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending the appreciation of the U.S. House of Representatives to Corporal Tony Barr, USMC, for his brave and outstanding service to the United States of America and join me in praying for the safe return of all of our troops who are in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and all other parts of the world.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY PREITE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize Anthony Preite for the integral role that he has played in the economic development of the Western United States. Anthony's long and distinguished career has made an indelible mark upon the State of Colorado and the Western United States. In recognition of his widely renowned public service, he was recently recognized with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Award, in addition to being selected as the Outstanding Fifty State U.S.D.A. Director.

Anthony began his career in Montana as a teacher and coach after graduating from Northern Montana College in 1963. In 1968, Anthony accepted a position as Community Development Specialist, where his responsibilities included implementing an economic development plan for a portion of north central Montana. He proceeded to serve as Special

Project Director of the Economic Development Administration for the U.S. Department of Commerce for much of the Western United States. Many of Anthony's initiatives resulted in infrastructure improvements and the creation of hundreds of job opportunities.

Fortunately, Anthony has not gone unrecognized throughout his life. The Denver Regional Office of the Economic Development Administration selected Anthony as the 1993 winner of the Forrest Koch Award for Excellence in Economic Development. Subsequently, President Clinton appointed Anthony as the State Director of Montana, Farmers Home Administration in 1993. In his role as Head of Rural Development, Anthony oversaw Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Services. He was selected to serve as the Denver Regional Office Director for the Economic Development Administration in December of 1999 and currently oversees activities in ten different states as the Regional Director.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Anthony Preite before this body of Congress and this nation. His dynamic career and selfless public service have advanced the well-being of thousands of Americans through economic development programs and initiatives. I congratulate Anthony on the awards that have been bestowed upon him and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2003, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 357, the Ackerman-LaTourette amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill which would require that the USDA expend no funds to approve meat from downed animals—animals that are too sick to walk or stand—for food. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES E.
ROGERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel James E. (Jim) Rogers for his brave and unselfish service as Commander of the Division Support Command of the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles. Jim's great work in the 101st Airborne during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom helped to lift the dark threat that terrorist supporting regimes posed to the citizens of the United States and the world.

Through Jim's work and leadership, and that of thousands of other U.S. soldiers, the United States and the Coalition of the Willing brought liberty to the oppressed and brutalized people of Iraq and Afghanistan. Without a doubt, the world can rest easier knowing that these brutal regimes have been removed from power. The

swift and decisive removal of the Iraqi regime and the Taliban could not have been accomplished without Jim and the fine men and women of the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles.

Jim was commissioned in the ordnance corps in June of 1979 upon his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy. His military education also includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advance courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. Jim also holds a Masters Degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan.

Over the past 24 years, Colonel Rogers has served the army in a number of posts and locations around the world. Jim's service has taken him to assignments with the 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kansas; the 782nd Maintenance Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Executive Officer for Armored Systems Modernization in Warren, Michigan; the 801st Main Support Battalion at Fort Campbell, KY; the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea; the 82nd Forward Support Battalion at Fort Bragg; and the U.S. Army Total Personnel Command in Alexandria, Virginia. Jim currently serves as the Division Support Commander for the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell.

Jim's fine service to his country has seen him recognized with many awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe, and the Order of St. Michael.

Jim has repeatedly stood for the defense of this nation, her citizens and their freedom. His devotion and commitment to the defense of freedom and liberty around the world epitomizes the words Soldier, Patriot, and American. Jim is a role model for his four children, and a devoted husband to his wife Reba.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and the entire nation to Colonel Rogers for his service to the United States and his hard work in defense of freedom and liberty around the world. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim's efforts and wishing him well in his new assignment at CENTCOM in Tampa, Florida.

HONORING BARBARA ACOSTA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant and dedicated businesswoman from my district, Barbara Acosta of Durango, Colorado. An active member of the Durango community, Barbara is this year's recipient of the 2002 Athena Award, presented by the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association. I would like to join with the Durango community in honoring Barbara's commitment and recognizing this distinct honor.

The Athena Award is a unique tribute, honoring women who demonstrate excellence and creativity in business, while providing selfless

service to the community. Barbara is a deserving recipient, as her business skills and community service are known throughout Durango. She opened her first business, the General Hair Store, in 1982, and has since added a hair salon, day spa services, and beauty school. Her hard work and dedication to her business has indeed made Barbara a respected member of the Durango business community.

Barbara is also known for her dedication to community service. Barbara has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Durango Art Center, and the Volunteers of America. Barbara has also been an active fundraiser for a variety of non-profit organizations. Barbara has consistently been at the forefront of community service projects, always sacrificing her time to improve the Durango area.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Barbara's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Barbara for the work she does in her community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring her achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Barbara, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Durango. May you have many more to come!

REGARDING EFFORTS TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, our hopes and prayers are with those working diligently to secure peace for the people of Sudan. The ongoing negotiations can be observed with cautious optimism that a peace agreement will soon be at hand.

I observed with great interest yesterday's debate on H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in Sudan. I share the concerns of my colleagues and their desire to see an end to slavery and human rights abuses in the Sudan and elsewhere in the world.

I want to associate myself with the remarks of my distinguished colleague from New York, Representative ED TOWNS, who so eloquently framed the issue on the future of Sudan. While we cannot forget the past, there is nothing we can do to change it. The time has come for us to commit to a lasting peace and an end to hostilities and abuses in sub-Saharan Africa.

I join my colleague, Mr. TOWNS, in support of an NGO-Sponsored fact-finding mission to Sudan and a report on their findings on the current situation in the Sudan with regard to allegations of slavery, human rights abuses and religious persecution. I call on others to join me and Mr. TOWNS in this effort to uncover the truth about Sudan.

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SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker I rise today in support of H. Res. 194, a resolution condemning slavery and other gross violations of human rights that are occurring in Sudan.

I have been to Sudan four times since 1989. I have seen the conditions on the ground firsthand. Women and children continue to die daily from starvation and illness. According to the State Department Country Report on Human Rights, thousands of Dinka women and children have been abducted and sold into slavery, sent to labor camps, and have been forced to serve in the military. Nearly two million people have died and four million have been displaced as a result of the ongoing civil war in Sudan.

On November 4, 2002, the United Nations concluded that the dire human rights situation in Sudan had not significantly changed. Numerous human rights organizations, including Christian Solidarity International, Freedom House, and the American Anti-Slavery Group have all called for an end to slavery in Sudan. The House of Representatives has repeatedly denounced human rights abuses in Sudan.

The Government of Sudan and the SPLA are beginning to take positive steps toward reaching lasting peace and we are at a critical moment in the peace negotiations between the parties. The war in Sudan must end, but it must end in a just peace, a peace in which all of Sudan can share in its resources, where all Sudanese can worship freely, and in which all Sudanese are treated with respect and dignity. The people of Sudan have suffered for too long.

I urge this body to overwhelmingly pass this resolution and I call on the government of Sudan to abolish slavery and respect human rights.

AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOP- MENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN- ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2673:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the amendment offered by Congressman ARTUR DAVIS that will restore \$3.5 million in funding to the 1890 land-grant accounts.

The 1890 Land-Grant Institutions were created as a result of the Second Morrill Act of 1890, expanding the 1862 system of land-grant universities to include historically black institutions in those states where segregation denied minorities access to the land-grant in-

stitution established by the First Morrill Act, in 1862.

Under the bill before us, these universities will get a 17 percent cut for research and education activities. They will also be faced with a 10 percent cut in Extension Grants, which provide funding for extension offices that work directly with minority farmers in economically distressed areas.

Today, there are 18 black land-grant colleges and universities in the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Chairman, cuts of this magnitude would cripple the ability of 1890 institutions to continue with their original mission to train sons and daughters of farmers. Today, many of the schools still focus on agriculture by offering curricula that focuses on research, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, and consumer education. Additionally, millions of students are able to study every academic discipline far beyond the scope imagined in the original mission of 1890 land-grant institutions.

Mr. Chairman, I remind my colleagues that many states are faced with massive budget cuts. To combat these deficits, students at our colleges and universities must bear the brunt of the costs. College tuition has seen a double-digit percentage increases in my home state of Maryland.

HBCUs, which often face budget short falls, cannot withstand these cuts and many may close if funding of sort is not approved. I urge all of my colleagues to support this worthwhile amendment. 1890 land-grant institutions and the other HBCUs remain a vital part of our nation's history and educational system. Congress should not turn their backs on these 1890 land grant institutions. Cutting funding will hurt millions of students.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROSS WORLEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Ross Worley of Durango, Colorado. Ross recently retired from Fort Lewis College, where he has directed the Audio/Visual Department in their John Reed Library since 1969. As Ross retires, I would like to recognize his many years of hard work and dedication to Fort Lewis College.

Ross began his work with Fort Lewis College in 1969, starting first as an audio/visual student assistant before his eventual promotion as director of the department. In his 32 years as director at Fort Lewis, Ross supervised over 150 students, providing each of them with an exemplary model of commitment. An effective Audio/Visual department can provide students with interesting and exciting ways to present and engage information. With technology changing daily, Ross worked diligently to provide our youth with the educational tools to succeed in this demanding field.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to recognize the accomplishments of Ross Worley. His hard work and dedication provided Fort Lewis College with the ability to reach its students in